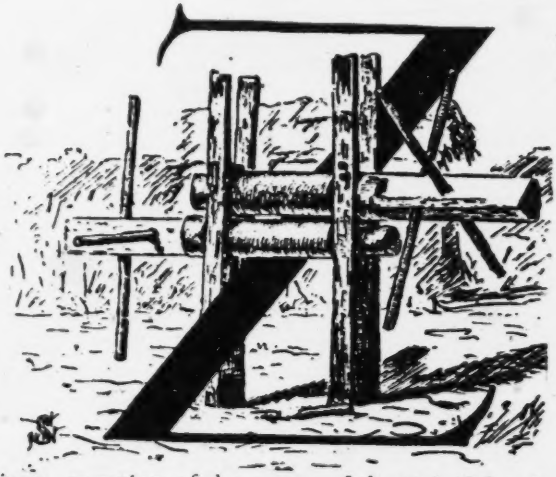
/100/

Eighth Chapter

The First Bakaïrí Village. -- March to the Paranatinga. -- The Second Bakaïrí Village.



101
175
[407]

In the report of José Gonçalves da Fonseca about a trip from Pará to the source region of the Madeira in the year 1749, I find, for the first time, mention of the name of the Bakaïrí, who consequently must have been known already to the first generation of Mata Grosso discoverers. In discussing the probable origin of the Schingú /Xingu/, he says that the rivers lying between the sources of the Tapajoz /Tapajós/ and the Tocantins, called "Bacaris" and "das Mortes," may undoubtedly be regarded as the source rivers of the Schingú. -- In the atlas of Thomas Jeffery of the year 1776, the "Bacahyris" on the Paranatinga are recorded.

Ayras de Cazal notes about our tribe in 1817: "The Baccahirys, who inhabit the regions adjacent to the Rio das Mortes, wage an incessant war against all kinds of quadrupeds and birds.

[197] Up to the present time this people has not shown any hostility

[This drawing illustrates a Sugar Cane Press— Cf. P. 22 -- Analyst]